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# STRANGE

## Academy

**BLOOD  
HUNT**

**1**

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The dawn of a new school year draws nearer. The students who spent summer at the Academy are trying to soak up one final adventure this summer break.

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LET'S PLAY  
A GAME.

LET'S COUNT  
HOW MANY  
TIMES I LIE...

...TO THE PEOPLE  
THAT I WANT TO  
BE **BEST**  
FRIENDS WITH!

HURRY UP,  
GUYS! WE'LL  
BE LATE FOR THE  
**VAMPIRE**  
TOUR!

HAVE I  
MENTIONED THAT  
I HATE--

VAMPIRES?  
YES, **GERMAN**, ONLY,  
LIKE, TEN THOUSAND  
TIMES. HAVE I MENTIONED  
THAT I'M **BORED** OF  
VAMPIRES? THIS IS  
SO TOURISTY!

DO YOU  
THINK YOUR  
FAMILIAR WILL  
COME OUT FOR THE  
TOUR? HE'S  
SO **CUTE**!

OH, I DUNNO.  
HE USUALLY  
SLEEPS DURING  
THE DAY.

ONE!

THAT'S WEIRD,  
I'VE NEVER HEARD  
OF A NOCTURNAL  
FAMILIAR!





...AND THAT IS WHEN THE DREADED VAMPIRE OF THE SWAMPLANDS ATTACKED!

I'M SORRY, PIA--THIS GUIDE IS MID. SHOULD'A JUST LET ME GIVE YOU THE TOUR.

PIA, HAS ZOE MENTIONED THAT SHE'S FROM NEW ORLEANS FOR THE EIGHT HUNDREDTH TIME YET?

OH MAN-- I BET YOUR FAMILIAR IS LIKE ONE OF THOSE CREATURES THAT'S SUPER CUTE AND THEN GETS ALL EVIL IN BATTLE AND JUST EATS DUDES WHOLE LIKE GNAW RAWRR CHOMP YARRGG!

HAHA, YEP, PRETTY MUCH!

TWO!

THREE IF YOU COUNT THE SMILE. I'M WAY TOO NERVOUS FOR THIS SMILE TO BE REAL!

SHUT UP, YOU GUYS! HE'S GETTING TO THE GORY PART!

AND SO, EVERY NIGHT...

IT'S NOT MY FAULT I'M FROM THE GREATEST CITY ON EARTH, BRO.

BUT WHAT IF WE HEARD YOU THE FIRST TIME?

WHOA! THERE HE IS! BUT WAIT, YOU DIDN'T, LIKE, PUKE HIM OUT?

HUH, THAT'S WEIRD!

OKAY, THAT IS WEIRD. IF TITO PEPING IS OUT...

UH...IS THERE ANOTHER STORM ROLLING IN? I DIDN'T GET A NOTIFICATION ON THE APP ABOUT IT.

...THAT MEANS SOMETHING IS WRONG.





HEY, GUYS? WHAT'S, UH, WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH...

VERY...



...THE TOUR GUIDE?!

AAAAHHHH!

...VERY WRONG.



OH, THIS IS EVEN WORSE THAN I COULD'VE IMAGINED.

OH, THE DEAD WANT TO COME OUT AND PLAY, HUH?

HEY, I'M DEAD!

YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!

DON'T LET THEM BITE YOU!

OKAY, NO, BUT SERIOUSLY, I REALLY, REALLY DON'T LIKE VAMPIRES!



TOTH AND I WILL KEEP YOU AND THE NEW GIRL SAFE, RIGHT, TOTH--



GREEAAGGHHH!

AAAAAAAA!









YOU...  
YOU SAVED MY  
LIFE, PIA!

WOW,  
I WAS WAY OFF!  
HE'S DEFINITELY NO  
GOOD IN A FIGHT,  
HUH?

...BUT  
YOU, MISS PIA, ARE  
INCREDIBLE!

I AM?  
WELL, THERE'S  
MORE THAN ONE  
WAY TO SAVE  
A LIFE!

AND ANYWAY,  
IT'S JUST THAT  
HE'S--

DOES IT STILL COUNT AS  
A LIE IF YOU DON'T GET  
TO FINISH SAYING IT...?



YEAH, YOU'RE  
DEFINITELY ONE  
OF US NOW.

LIKE IT  
OR NOT!

I DO  
LIKE IT!

NOT A LIE! AND EVEN THOUGH I KNOW  
THERE'LL BE A PRICE TO PAY LATER,  
BECAUSE THERE ALWAYS, ALWAYS IS...



...THIS  
SMILE'S  
NOT A LIE  
EITHER.

I LIKE IT  
A LOT!

AAAAH, HATE  
TO KILL THE VIBES  
HERE, BUT...





...WE  
GOTTA  
GO!

SEE?!

ALWAYS  
A PRICE.

LOTS OF VAMPIRES,  
HUH? YOU ARE READING  
BLOOD HUNT, RIGHT?  
--NUDGEY NICK



MINUTES  
LATER...

QUICKLY  
NOW!

SOMETIMES IT'S PAID  
IN BLOOD, SOMETIMES  
WITH YOUR SOUL.

BUT USUALLY  
THE PRICE WE  
PAY...

ALL  
RIGHT THEN,  
PUPILS...

SHVOOM

SPONGE

...FOR THE BRIEF  
BIT OF HAPPINESS  
BROUGHT BY ONE  
LIE...

WE HAVE  
WORK TO DO,  
CLEARLY. EVERYONE  
HEAD TO YOUR  
CHAMBERS AND  
GET CLEANED  
UP.

EXCEPT YOU,  
PIA. PLEASE  
COME TO MY OFFICE.

...IS  
SIMPLY...

WHAT WAS  
THAT ALL  
ABOUT?

I HAVE  
NO IDEA!

...MORE  
LIES.





WHAT ARE WE  
UP TO NOW--  
FIVE? SIX?

TALK  
TO ME, PIA.  
WHAT'S GOING  
ON?

I HAVE  
NO IDEA,  
HONEST!

THAT  
MUCH IS  
TRUE.



BY ALL  
ACCOUNTS, THIS  
DARKNESS HAS  
COVERED THE ENTIRE  
WORLD. VAMPIRES ARE  
ATTACKING HUMANS  
EVERYWHERE. IT'S  
A MASSACRE.



EVEN SOME OF OUR BEST HEROES  
HAVE ALREADY FALLEN. THOUSANDS  
OF INNOCENT PEOPLE MAY  
BE DEAD.

THAT'S  
HORRIBLE!

ALSO  
TRUE.



SO PIA, IF YOU KNOW **ANYTHING** AT ALL  
ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING, PLEASE,  
JUST TELL ME. YOU WON'T BE  
IN ANY TROUBLE.

I DON'T!  
I SWEAR  
I DON'T!



SHE  
PROBABLY  
DOESN'T...







I REALLY DON'T  
KNOW WHAT THE  
HELL'S GOING ON.

IT'S  
**BLADE**. HE'S  
ORCHESTRATED  
SOME KIND OF  
GLOBAL COUP.

SWEET  
HONEY OF  
ERZULIE...

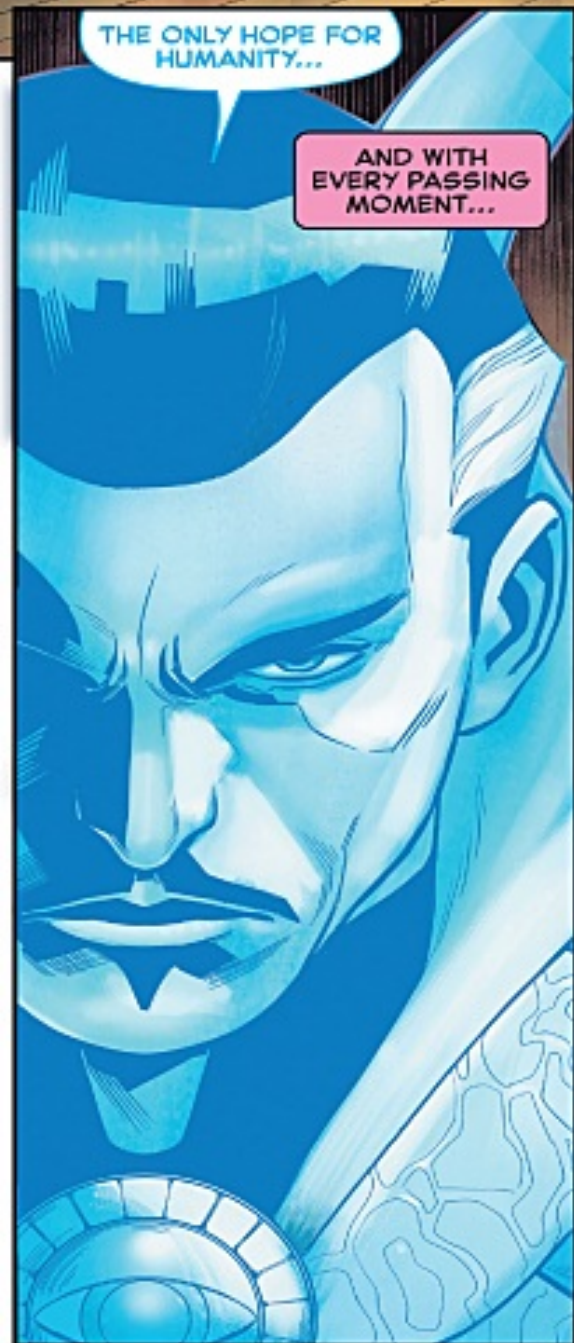
BLOTTED  
OUT THE SUN,  
SENT HIS VAMPIRES  
OUT ON A KILL  
SPREE.

IT  
STARTED  
BAD.



THE ONLY HOPE FOR  
HUMANITY...

AND WITH  
EVERY PASSING  
MOMENT...



...IS  
THE **MONTESI**  
FORMULA.

...IT GETS  
SO MUCH  
WORSE.



WHAT?!  
ABSOLUTELY  
NOT.

WE MUST.  
AND WE'LL NEED  
THE **DARKHOLD**  
TO DO IT.

ASIDE FROM  
THE ESSENCE IN  
WANDA\*, WHO IS MISSING,  
I FELT A VAGUE IMPRINT  
OF IT IN A FOREST ON  
**MADRIPOOR**.

I NEED  
YOU TO--



\*FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED  
TO THE SCARLET WITCH IN  
BLOOD HUNT #1! --NL





NO,  
I SAID!

WE  
DON'T HAVE  
A CHOICE!

THE  
**DARKHOLD?**  
ISN'T THAT AN  
ANCIENT BOOK OF  
SOME KIND?

WE GOTTA  
FIND IT! IT'S  
THE ONLY THING  
THAT CAN HELP  
STOP THIS!

I MEAN, DR. VOODOO  
SEEMED PRETTY DEAD  
SET AGAINST IT,  
GERMAN.

THAT'S PROBABLY  
BECAUSE HE  
HATES UPSETTING  
THE NATURAL  
ORDER OF THINGS.  
BUT IF THAT'S WHAT  
NEEDS TO BE  
DONE...



...THEN  
THAT'S WHAT  
WE GOTTA  
DO!

I DUNNO...

RIGHT, WHEN  
HAS RUNNING  
OFF TO DO THINGS  
ON OUR OWN  
EVER GONE  
SIDWAYS?



OH, THAT'S RIGHT!  
LITERALLY ALWAYS!

LIKE THAT ONE  
TIME I DIED!



DOYLE, YOU  
HEARD THEM--  
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
THE FATE OF THE  
WORLD, HERMANO.

**VAMPIRES**  
ARE ABOUT TO  
RULE THIS PLANET.  
IS THAT WHAT  
YOU WANT?

RIGHT. THIS IS BIGGER  
THAN US. IT'S ABOUT  
EVERYONE ELSE.

THEY SOUND  
SO SURE OF  
THEMSELVES...



LOOK, STRANGE SAID IT'S IN A FOREST  
IN MADRIPPOOR. WE GO, GET THE BOOK,  
BRING IT BACK. THEN WE CAN DECIDE  
WHAT TO DO FROM THERE. OKAY?

FACILITO.  
YOU IN?

BUT THEY HAVE NO  
IDEA WHAT THEY'RE  
TALKING ABOUT...





...WHAT KIND OF  
POWER THEY'RE  
ABOUT TO GET  
MIXED UP IN.



YEAH, ALL  
RIGHT. BUT WE  
BRING THE BOOK  
DIRECTLY TO THEM  
ONCE WE GET  
BACK.

ABSOLUTELY.



AND THERE'S  
NO ONE HERE  
TO STOP  
THEM...

YOU  
COMING? MIGHT  
NEED SOMEONE  
TO SAVE ME  
AGAIN!



OF  
COURSE!



...BUT  
ME.









...MAYBE  
HE KNOWS  
SOMETHING?

UM, HELLO,  
LITTLE, UH, YOUNG  
PERSON? DO YOU HAPPEN  
TO KNOW WHERE WE MIGHT  
FIND SOMETHING CALLED  
**THE DARKHOLD?**



EXACTLY WHAT AGATHA  
ALWAYS SAID WOULD  
HAPPEN... WHY EVEN  
**BOTHER...?**



UM,  
**WHAT?!**

DID HE SAY  
**AGATHA?**

I SAID...



IF IT'S  
THE **DARKHOLD**  
YOU SEEK...





...YOU  
FOUND  
ME!

















ALL YOU'VE EVER WANTED  
WAS TO HELP ME. NO  
MATTER WHO I AM OR  
WHAT I DO.




THE NEXT THING THAT  
HAPPENS WAS GOING  
TO HAPPEN ANYWAY...



...BUT  
NOW...





...I DO  
ENJOY IT!

**TO BE CONTINUED...**





ARE WE  
ALMOST THERE,  
MUMMY?

I TOLD  
YOU NOT TO  
CALL ME THAT!

NO, YOU  
TOLD ME TO CALL  
YOU THAT, *MUMMY*  
*AGATHA*.

YES, WHEN  
OTHER PEOPLE  
ARE AROUND,  
BECAUSE  
IT IS OUR  
*DISGUISE*.

SO PEOPLE  
DON'T REALIZE  
WE ARE ONE OF THE  
WORLD'S PRE-EMINENT WITCHES  
AND THE EMBODIMENT OF ONE  
OF THE MOST DANGEROUS  
BLACK-MAGIC TOMES  
EVER TO EXIST.

AH.



HERE,  
PLAY WITH YOUR  
TIGER.

BIGLIETTI,  
PER FAVORE.

SO I'M  
ONLY TO CALL YOU  
*MUMMY* WHEN WE'RE  
AROUND OTHER PEOPLE  
BECAUSE IT'S OUR  
DISGUISE.

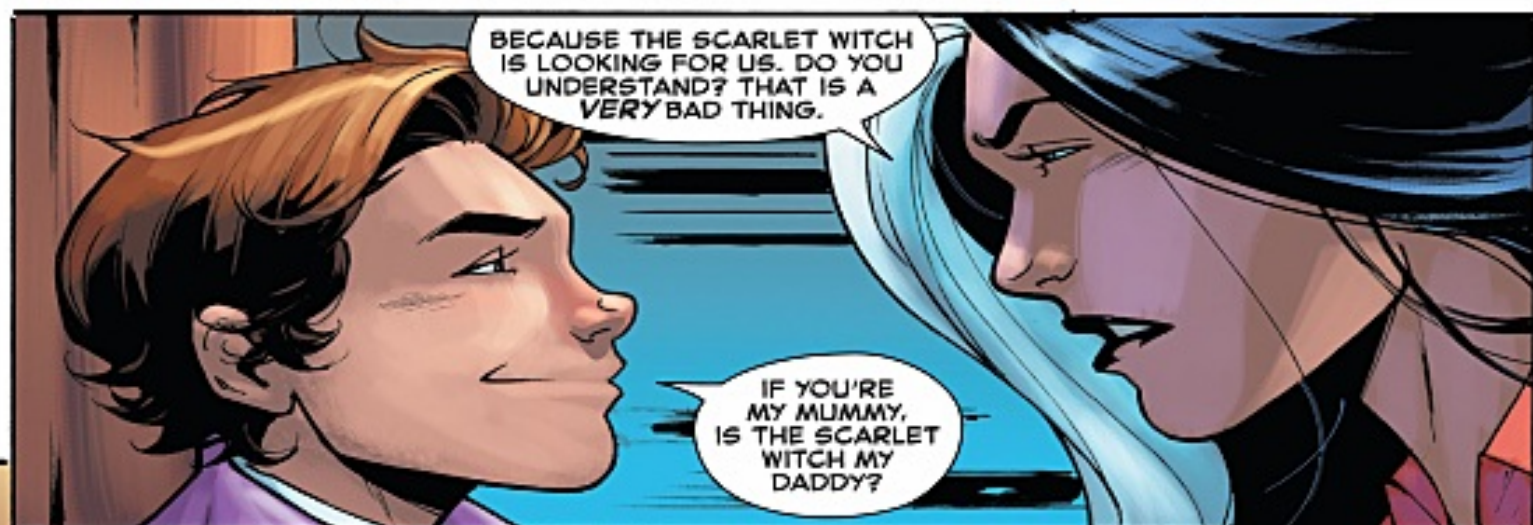
GOT  
IT...



...MUMMY!























AH YES,  
THIS LOOKS  
PERFECT!

**WELCOME TO  
MADRIPOOR,  
DARKHOLD!**  
I HOPE IT SURVIVES  
THE EXPERIENCE!

Fin.




I DON'T EVEN  
THINK OF IT  
AS HEROIC,  
WHAT I DID.



YOU WILL  
NOT ESCAPE THE  
MASTER, LITTLE  
MONSTER!








HOW CAN IT BE  
HEROISM...

...IF I DIDN'T  
EVEN MAKE A  
CHOICE?

AFTER  
ALL...



...IT WAS JUST  
INSTINCT.



LITTLE  
GUY? IT'S SAFE  
NOW!



THE  
LITTLE  
ONE IS  
TOO SMART  
TO STICK  
AROUND.



VERY FEW  
WHO MEET ME  
LIVE. BUT YOU ARE  
QUITE SPECIAL, LIKE  
OUR LITTLE FRIEND.



AS SOON AS  
I WOKE UP, I KNEW  
WHAT I WAS--WHAT  
I'D BECOME.

I DON'T KNOW  
HOW LONG IT  
HAD BEEN.



HURRY, OLD  
FRIEND. IT'S ALMOST  
SUNDOWN, AND THIS  
BECOMES A LOT MORE  
COMPLICATED IF HE  
COMES BACK.



АHHHHHHH!

TSSSSSSS

АHHHHHHH!

TSSSSSSS

DAMN.  
WE'RE TOO  
LATE!







YOU CAME BACK FOR ME, TITO PEPING.



I COMMITTED ONE SILLY RECKLESS ACT.



HUH?

AND EVERY DAY SINCE, YOU REMIND ME...

TITO PEPING CAN SHIELD YOU FROM THE SUN. IMPRESSIVE, NO?



ALMOST AS IMPRESSIVE AS A TEENAGER WHO DEFENDS A STRANGER AGAINST A VAMPIRE.

...HOW MANY DIFFERENT WAYS THERE ARE...



WHILE I TAKE YOU HOME, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT SOME OTHER REMARKABLE YOUNG PEOPLE I KNOW?

...TO SAVE A LIFE!

END.



# BLOOD HUNT

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## MAY CHECKLIST

■	FREE COMIC BOOK DAY: BLOOD HUNT/X-MEN #1
■	VENGEANCE OF THE MOON KNIGHT #5
■	<b>BLOOD HUNT #1</b>
■	<b>BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #1</b>
■	AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #49
■	AVENGERS #14
■	BLOOD HUNTERS #1
■	DOCTOR STRANGE #15
■	DRACULA: BLOOD HUNT #1
■	STRANGE ACADEMY: BLOOD HUNT #1
□	VENOM #33
□	AMAZING SPIDER-MAN: BLOOD HUNT #1
□	UNION JACK THE RIPPER: BLOOD HUNT #1
□	<b>BLOOD HUNT #2</b>
□	<b>BLOOD HUNT: RED BAND #2</b>
□	BLACK PANTHER: BLOOD HUNT #1
□	MIDNIGHT SONS: BLOOD HUNT #1

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**THE HUNT CONTINUES  
IN JUNE...**



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# STRANGE Academy

## BLOOD HUNT

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Thank you for joining us with this extension of our beloved **STRANGE ACADEMY**! Our new friend Pia is a **VAMPIRE**?!?! Who is this Darkhold kid?!?! Well, the Strange Academicians are going to get to the bottom of it all, and we hope none of them will die. No matter what, you won't see the end of #2 coming. But before we get to that, enjoy these two stories to better fill you in on Pia and the Darkhold kid!



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